

Fiscal Note

Fiscal Services Division



SF 306 – Solid Waste Stewardship Report (LSB 1192SV)
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Description

Senate File 306 requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to promote the recovery and reduction of food waste that is generated by businesses, State agencies, and local governments. The Department will cooperate with the Iowa Waste Reduction Center at the University of Northern Iowa to provide a report to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1, 2015, detailing recommendations.

Background

Students in Iowa City conducted waste audits at two restaurants in 2012. The findings indicate that approximately 75.0% of the food waste sent to the landfill could be composted or disposed of in other ways. Food waste in landfills can create methane emissions, odor problems, and takes up additional space.

Assumptions

The DNR estimates the following costs to implement this legislation:

- An expense of \$225,000 to hire a firm to prepare a report, with 75.0% of the expense in FY 2014 (\$169,000) and 25.0% of the expense in FY 2015 (\$56,000).
- An expense of \$50,000 to prepare educational and outreach materials to inform participants about the program in FY 2015.

Fiscal Impact

This Bill will result in one-time expenditures by the DNR totaling \$275,000 for FY 2014 and FY 2015. See detail below.

Expenditure	FY 2014	FY 2015	Total
Consulting Firm	\$ 168,750	\$ 56,250	\$ 225,000
Educational Materials	0	50,000	50,000
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 168,750</u>	<u>\$ 106,250</u>	<u>\$ 275,000</u>

Source

Department of Natural Resources

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The fiscal note for this bill was prepared pursuant to **Joint Rule 17** and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.
